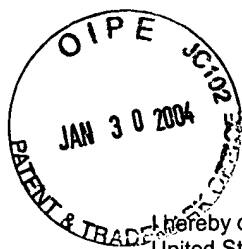


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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
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